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Office Action Summary

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Richard Chang

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by US patent No. 6,490,274 ("Kim").

Regarding claims 1, 6 and 11, Kim teaches a method and system for internet (254) cable phone (208, packet based terminal device) telephony service over internet protocol (IP) (addressing system) for enabling a calling party using a public switched telephone network (PSTN, 260) phone (256, circuit based terminal device), which is addressable via a telephone number, to initiate a communication connection to a called party who is using an IP addressable cable phone (208, a packet-based terminal device, which is addressable via an IP address) (See Fig. 2) comprising

directory information base (DIB, 218 as data storage means), for storing data in as a memory indicative of a correspondence between at least one IP address assigned to a 1ST cable phone (208, said called party's packet-based terminal device) and a corresponding PSTN telephone number assigned to 1ST cable phone (208, said called party's circuit-based terminal device),

1st headend unit (202 as terminal device location means), responsive to receipt of data from said calling party indicative of said called party's telephone numbers corresponding to 1ST cable phone (208, said called party's circuit-based terminal device), for retrieving data from DIB (208, said memory indicative of said IP address) assigned to a 1ST cable phone (208, called party's packet-based terminal device), and

1st router (216 as communication connection means), for establishing a communication connection between 1ST PSTN phone (256, said calling party's circuit-based terminal device) to 1ST cable phone (208, said called party's packet-based terminal device) (See Fig. 2, Col. 3, lines 53-67).

Regarding claims 2, 7 and 12, Kim further teaches that 1st headend (220 as terminal device locator means) for transmitting said IP address assigned to 1ST cable phone (208, said called party's packet-based terminal device) to at least one 1st Internet telephony gateways (ITG, 220 as packet-based communication service) to locate 1ST cable phone (208, said called party's packet-based terminal device).

Regarding claims 3, 8 and 13, Kim further teaches that 1st headend (220 as inquiry response means), responsive to receipt of a message from one of said at least one 1st ITG (220 as packet-based communication

services) indicative of a presence of 1ST cable phone (208, said called party's packet-based terminal device) on said one of said at least one 1ST ITG (220 as packet-based communication services), for extending a communication connection from 1ST PSTN phone (256, said calling party's circuit-based terminal device) to said one of said at least one 1ST ITG (220 as packet-based communication services).

Regarding claims 4, 9 and 14, Kim further teaches that 1st DIB (218 as directory means) for storing a set of data comprising data indicative of an IP address assigned to each of a plurality of a of 1ST cable phone (208, called party's packet-based terminal device).

Regarding claims 5, 10 and 15, Kim further teaches that 1st headend unit (202 as destination selection means) for providing said calling party with a list of 1ST cable phones (208, said called party's packet-based terminal devices), and

1st ITG (220 as service identification means), responsive to said calling party selecting a one of 1ST cable phones (208, said called party's packet-based terminal devices), for identifying a 1st ITG (220 as packet-based communication services) serving of 1ST cable phones (208, said called party's packet-based terminal devices) (See Fig. 2 and Fig. 4, Col. 5, lines 3-25).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3129. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo can be reached on (571) 272-3139. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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